HARRISON LAKE FISHING ACCESS SITE BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region Three, Bozeman December 14, 2007

Proposed Action

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to extend and widen the existing boat ramp with a constructed, poured in-place concrete augmentation at Harrison Lake Fishing Access Site, located four miles east of Harrison, Montana.

Montana Environmental Policy Act

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on November 8, 2007.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken for 30 days (through December 7, 2007). The EA was mailed to 22 individuals and groups; legal notices were printed in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, and the *Helena Independent Record*; and the Draft EA was posted on the FWP webpage: http://fwp.mt.gov//publicnotices/

Summary of Public Comment

There were no comments received on the proposed project.

<u>Final Environmental Assessment for the Harrison Lake Fishing Access Site Boat</u> Ramp Proposal

There are no modifications necessary to the Draft Environmental Assessment based on public comment. The Draft Environmental Assessment, together with this Decision Notice, will serve as the final document for this proposal.

Decision

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and the need for providing boat ramp improvements at Harrison Lake Fishing Access Site, it is my decision to proceed with the development project.

I find there to be no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project, other than the expansion of this facility and the increased accommodation of the recreating public. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Patrick J. Flowers Region Three Supervisor